

# WØMTL — **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News** — WØKEM

## OCTOBER 2016



### 2016 HARC OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: ED TURNER, NØWNV**  
**TREASURER: LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO**  
**SECRETARY: DAVE MILAM, KBØRZN**  
**TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA**  
**EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

*Note: I will no longer be editor of the club newsletter after this month. Hopefully someone will step up and take over. Thanks for all of your help in the past years. I will see you all at the meetings. WBØWAP - Bonnie*

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE**

**Wednesday – October 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

### **H.A.R.C. NEW, PERMANENT MEETING LOCATION**

***MARION COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – 142 JAYCEE DRIVE, HANNIBAL, MISSOURI***

Driving Directions (From the South): Route 61 into the city. Continue past the turn off for **MODOT offices**. The next Left is **Clinic Road (Poage Jeep/Chrysler)**. Turn Left onto Clinic Road and continue to the intersection of Communication Drive. Turn Left onto **Communication Drive** and continue to the curve in Communication Drive. Then turn right onto **Jaycee Dr**. The Ambulance District building is the last building on the Right – **142 Jaycee Dr**. Parking is just before you get to the building on the right.

(From the North/East/West): Route 61 south to **Clinic Road (Right turn just past Wendy's)**. Turn right onto Clinic Road and go to intersection of **Communication Drive**. Turn Right onto **Communication Drive** and

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### **MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST - OCTOBER 2016**

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10 KB9VIS BRIAN  
17 WØPGL TONY  
24 KDØYTH STEVE  
31 WB2UFO LARRY

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### **SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2016**

#### **DATES FOR 2016: October 12**

Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at [kb0wil@arrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

The 2016 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting.

**WALK INS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

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**HARC CLUB DUES:**

**HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!**

**HARC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2016 MEETING**

Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

**Hannibal Amateur Radio Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 14th, 2016**

Don (KD0HHN) opened the meeting at 7:00pm with 22 people present including 6 guests. After introductions, Don announced there were five proposals for membership; Ryan Roberts (W0RLR) stated that he had been licensed for about fifteen years and would like to rejoin the Club. Four other proposals were prospective members that had recently been through the Technician Training class and had received their licenses; Kenneth Franklin (KE0KCQ), Bob Mefford (KE0KDG), Rocky Shrum (KE0KCR) and Elizabeth Stone (KE0KCT). A motion was made to accept these applicants as new members by Ed (K9WAY) and seconded by Ann (KB9BAL). The motion carried. Welcome to the new members!

Don inquired if everyone had read the minutes for August and asked for any changes or corrections. Hearing none, Don asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Ed (K9WAY) motioned to accept, and it was seconded by Luan (KA9WAY). The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Larry (WB2UFO) read the Treasurer's report for August 2016. Last month's Ending Balance was \$1140.42, this month's Ending Balance is \$1280.42, and the CD Balance is \$1,323.30, making the Total Assets \$2,603.72. A motion to accept was made by Luan (KA9WAY) and seconded by Steve (KD0UVU). The motion carried.

**REPEATERS:**

Don (KD0HHN) reported that over the Labor Day weekend we had a problem with the .625 machine. Fred (KB0WIL) got it back up and running promptly. Thanks Fred! Don asked for a motion to send a note to Fred thanking him for all that he does for the Club. The motion was made by Ed (K9WAY) and seconded by Steve (KD0UVU). The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Don reported the New Madrid Mass Care Exercise was conducted on the 24th of August and ran for two to three hours. Don (KD0HHN) was one who checked in. He reported there were some concerns about their ability to contact FEMA in Jefferson City because of their location. Don reminded everyone to try to attend the November 9th meeting. Glenn Schulz (W9IQ) the Missouri Section Technical Coordinator for ARRL will be here presenting a class. Don had contacted him and he will make a presentation on "Understanding SWR and Feed Line loss". Feel free to spread the word, the presentation is open to anyone, not just HARC members. Don also stated that Glenn had a list of other presentations that we may be able to host in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Don announced two by-law proposals that require two readings before they may be passed. The first proposal by Don (KD0HHN) concerns pro-rating Club dues for members newly elected into the Club during the year. The second proposal by Larry (WB2UFO) would allow any member whose membership had expired to be reinstated as a full member without a vote of membership if they reapplied within a six month period. Both proposals were read as a first reading by Dave (KB0RZN). The second reading will be held at the October meeting. Don said he would email copies of the proposals to everyone.

Don announced the Marion County Department will be holding their annual Halloween Parade on October 29th. Over the past two years, we have helped with communications and we will participate again this year. Anyone interested in helping, contact Don.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives on September 12th and now goes to the U.S. Senate. The ARRL has asked everyone to contact their State Senators and encourage them to support the bill. Missouri State Senators are Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill. For Illinois, the Senators are Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk. The ARRL website has suggestions and information on contacting them.

Don presented Bob Mefford (KE0KDG) with a First Contact award. Bob made his first contact with Steve (KD0YTH) on the September 5th Monday Night Net. Congratulations Bob!

The Club was contacted by Ora Bell Conway stating her brother was residing in Beth Haven Nursing Home and he had wished for his radio equipment to be donated to the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club. Mr. James Watkins (AB0Y) we were told, was a former Navy Radioman that had served in Germany and had been involved many years with MARS. He had been an enthusiastic Ham all his life until he started suffering from the symptoms of Alzheimer's. Our heartfelt gratitude from the Club goes out to him for his service and donation. Larry (WB2UFO) checked all the equipment and made a list for the Club. Included were a Collins 312B-5 control head, Drake T4XB (non-working), Drake R4C, a PackRat data interface, a Hallicrafters keyer, Kenwood TS130, and a Kenwood TR7800 2 meter (no PL tones). Corey (KC0YNS) showed interest in and bought the Drake radios for \$100.00. Bill Wheeler (K0DEW) expressed interest in the Collins and offered \$300.00 but Larry wanted to bring it before the Club before selling. Ed (K9WAY) made a motion to keep the Kenwood TS130 as a training/loaner radio for the Club, and sell the Collins control head at a price negotiated by Larry. The motion was seconded by Luan (KA9WAY). The motion carried. Larry (WB2UFO) made a motion to send a thank you note and a \$25.00 gift card to Mrs. Conway in appreciation for her efforts to donate her brother's radios. The motion was seconded by Ed (K9WAY) and the motion carried. Carol (WA9EFV) donated \$25.00 to the Club for the gift card. Thanks Carol!

#### 50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Ed (K9WAY). Ed donated it back to the Club. Thanks Ed!

#### MISC ITEMS DRAWING:

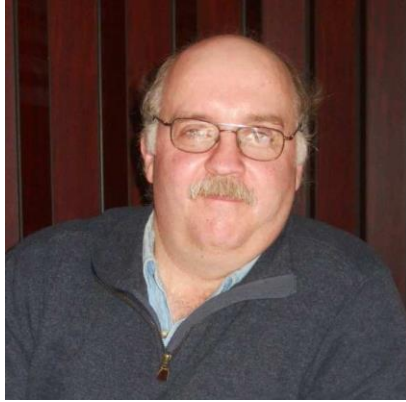
Jerry (KE0KCV) Large print Repeater Directory, Ed (K9WAY) \$25.00 ARRL gift Certificate (Donated by Tony (W0PGL) Thanks Tony!), Don (KD0HHN) Small Repeater Directory

Don asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve (KD0YTH) made the motion, and it was seconded by Luan (KA9WAY). The motion carried.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**  
**BY DON VARY KDØHHN**



I would like to start off by welcoming our new members to the club. Most of them are graduates from our recent Technician class, and one is a current ham who has rejoined the club. Welcome one and all, and I hope you enjoy not only Amateur Radio but also your time as members of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club. Hopefully this will be an ongoing item, as I have been told that there may be more people who may be interested in taking a Tech class, and I know we have people who want to go General and I'm working on a schedule for that as well.

Just a reminder for everyone as well, that annual dues are coming up. They are \$20.00 per member with additional family members costing \$5.00. Send your payments to Larry, WB2UFO and he will get you taken care of. Also, coming up at our November meeting, we will have Glenn Schultz giving a presentation on "SWR and Feedline loss." Glenn is the Missouri Section Technical Specialist for the ARRL and hopefully this will be the first of many presentations we will be having at meetings. All hams are invited to attend, and I will be sending invitations to both the Quincy and Pittsfield clubs to attend as well.

I see it's also getting to be the time of year for colds and the flu. With that in mind, the Ralls County Health Department will be hosting their annual Drive-In Flu shot clinic on October 5. The clinic will be at the New London Elementary school from 10AM to 6PM. There is a cost for the shot, not sure how much, but I believe that it is also covered by most if not all insurances. For more information, contact the Ralls County Health Department at 573-985-7121. Also, the Marion County Health Department will be hosting their annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29th. The parade forms at Save-A-Lot parking lot at 5:30 PM with the parade starting at 6:30. We have provided communications support for the past couple of years, and it is a good practice for working in a controlled net and passing messages in a less stressful situation, than when a real disaster strikes and we are needed. The parade lasts about an hour, and if you are interested in helping, let me know. Well that's all for this month. Everyone stay safe and we'll see you on down the log.

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**DX FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK  
BY LARRY LAUER WB2UFO**

Larry Lauer, WB2UFO

**Hello again Fellow DX'ers Here is our October report**

October looks to be a good month for DX'ers with the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) coming up at the end of the month.

I moved the CHAGOS ISLANDS up to the head of the list because of the fascinating story Jim tells us about the operating conditions. Remember he is not a well funded DXpedition. He is just one guy doing his thing. Listen for him. He does give qsl info to a post box in Florida. (He does not ask for anything but Jim deserves a green stamp.)

Have fun this month see you next month

73 Larry WB2UFO

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Jim, ND9M, is once again active from Diego Garcia Island (AF-006), but signing as VQ96JC on Saturday on 17 meters CW. Jim informs OPDX, "I'll be here for another month before returning to the U.S., and only a couple times each week. But I always look for NA stations; the Left Coast often comes through here with good sigs most reliably on 17m." Jim, who has been going to VQ9 since 1998, lives/works on a U.S. merchant marine ship, states "there is no permanent station on the island; the ham club has been gone for years," and "the physical commute between my ship and my operating location takes about 90 minutes overall. Set up and breakdown each time is another 30 minutes. Band changes require me to lower the antenna and add or remove segments to/from the antenna so there's more time. So each and every time I operate, I've got a 6-hour overall window and 2 hours are eaten up without even being on the air." Jim's entire station is in a backpack and green environment shopping bags. He sets up in front of a recreational park where there's A/C power and trees. The station that he carries includes a Yaesu FT-857D, external power supply, separate tuner, 75-feet of coax, a 15-40m dipole, support line, and tools; everything comes to about 25 pounds. Since this is a military base, Jim can't leave his antenna up at all times, so he has to put up the antenna every time he operates and then take it back down when he is done for

the evening. He uses 100-pound fishing line for support legs, but that stuff is very attractive to the locals who often take it, and he finds that he has to put up new line fairly regularly; it's a bit of a pain to throw line up into the jungle trees and then find it again just to tie it off and make it accessible for a couple hours. Jim's preferred operating mode is CW, although he does try to get on SSB occasionally and even the Digital modes (PSK31, PSK63, and RTTY) if time allows. The "6" in his callsign VQ96JC represents the year in 2016. Jim has been doing this since 2007 (e.i. VQ97JC, VQ98JC, VQ99JC...). He also operated as VQ975FOC in 2013 as part of the FOC's 75th anniversary celebration. QSL info is posted on QRZ.com.

LESOTHO, 7P. Gordon, K7TRB is QRV as 7P8VA until November 5. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly on 6 meters, using SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Jean-Philippe, F1TMY is here for 3 to 5 years and plans to be active as J28PJ. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL to home call.

PITCAIRN ISLAND, VP6. Uli, DL2AH will be QRV as VP6AH from September 3 to November 25. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and various digital modes. QSL direct to home call.

8P50, BARBADOS (Special Callsign). Dean, 8P6SH/8P2K, will be active using the special callsign 8P50B during [as a Single-Op/Low-Power/Assisted entry] for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) [as a Single-Op/All-Band]. Barbados is celebrating its 50th anniversary of independence from Great Britain on November 30th, 2016. Dean will celebrate by activating the 8P50-Barbados prefix. A full color QSL card will be available via KU9C and the usual LoTW updates and confirmation.

9N, NEPAL. Operators Bogdan/SP2FUD, Janusz/SP9FIH and Rafal/SQ9CNN will once again be active 9N7FD, 9N7CC and 9N7WE, respectively, from Chengu Narayan, Nepal, during the second half of October. Activity is usually on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL 9N7CC and 9N7WE via SP9FIH. QSL 9N7FD via SP2FUD. For more details and updates, watch:

<http://9n.dxpedititions.org>

BW, TAIWAN. Koji, JL3RDC, will be active as BW/JL3RDC from Taipei during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via JL3RDC.

MD7, ISLE OF MAN. Rich, M5RIC, will be active as MD7C from the Isle of Man (EU-116) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via M0OXO.

P4, ARUBA. Operators David/KM3T, Randall/K5ZD and John/W6LD will be active as P40L from Pos Chiquito during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Mutli-Single entry. QSL via WA3FRP. All P40L logs are uploaded to ClubLog and Logbook of the World. For details about the station, see: <http://www.arubagqth.com>

PJ2, CURACAO. Operators Geoff/W0CG (PJ2DX), Ulrich/DL8OBQ, John/N4RV, Ton/PA1CC, Tom/VE3CX, Adam/W1ASB, Heiko/DK3DM, Fukuda/JJ1RJ, Rich/W3ACO and Ray/NM2O will be active from the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point contest station on Curacao Island (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between October 20th and November 2nd. The team's main focus will be on the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi/? entry using the callsign PJ2T. Outside the contest, operators will be signing PJ2/homecall or



their own personal PJ2 callsign. QSL PJ2T via W3HNK. QSL PJ2DX direct to W0CG. QSL all others via their home callsigns.

T8, PALAU. Kazuo, JR1UBR, will once again be active as T88AB from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between November 2-8th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via JR1UBR, direct or by the Bureau. NO eQSL or LoTW. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:

<http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

T8, PALAU. Yousuke, JJ1DQR, will once again be active as T88QR from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) Koror Island (OC-009) between November 15-17th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign. direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL and No LoTW. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:

<http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

TI5, COSTA RICA. Darrell, AB2E, will be active as TI5/AB2E from Costa Rica between November 24-29th. He plans to be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. There will be limited activity outside of the contest, but he will try to get on the WARC/Low Bands when possible. QSL direct via AB2E for any and all operations from 1993 to present. Be sure to include an SASE, green stamp, or new IRC or you won't get a card. Sorry, no Bureau cards at this time, and no eQSL.

TI5, COSTA RICA. Chris, KL9A, will be active as TI5W from Costa Rica during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL TI5W via the new QSL Manager W4FS (not N3YIM as first announced). Outside of the contest he will use the callsign TI5/KL9A. QSL TI5/KL9A via AC7DX.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND (Update). Operators Geoff/ZL3GA, Mark/ZL3AB, Don/ZL3DMC, Paul/ZL4TT (ex-ZL4PW) and Phil/ZL3PAH will be active as VK9NZ from Norfolk Island VK9NZ between September 25th and October 8th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters with up to 3 stations operating simultaneously using CW,SSB and RTTY. ZL3PAH is the QSL manager. Logs will be posted to LoTW after the DXpedition

VP2, ANGUILLA. Operators Manfred/DK1BT, Wolf/DL4WK, Sigi/DL7DF, Juergen/DL7UFN and Frank/DL7UFR will be active from Anguilla between October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 7th. A VP2E callsigns has been applied for. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. They plan to have two stations on the air using 2x K2 transceivers, with 2x OX1000 power amps, a 18m lowband vertical, a 40m and a 30m loop, and Spiderbeam for 20-10m. Bernd, DF3CB, is their pilot station. QSL via DL7DF, direct or by the DARC Bureau. An OQRS will be available on the following Web page. They will upload the full logs of the DXpedition to LoTW within 6 months after the DXpedition. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.dl7df.com/vp2e>

WP3, PUERTO RICO. Members of the "COMBETE CONTEST GROUP" will be active as WP3E during CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are Uris/NP4WW, Luis/NP4RA, Rafael/NP3RE, Carlos/KP4CPC, Edgardo/NP4EG, Rey/WP3HP Luis/WP4MLX. QSL via LoTW or eQSL.

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